

**AN UNUSUAL ABERRANT MALE OF *EREBIA RHODOPENSIS* NICHOLL
(LEP.: NYMPHALIDAE: SATYRINAE)**

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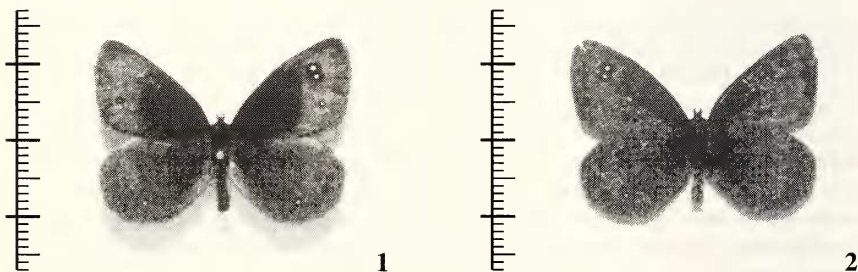
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DURING MY summer visit to the Musala part of the Rila Mountains in south-west Bulgaria, an unusual somatic mosaic aberrant of *Erebia rhodopensis* Nicholl, 1900 was collected. This single specimen was caught together with a series of typical examples.

Erebia rhodopensis Nicholl, 1900 **ab. nov.**

Description: overall appearance asymmetric; right fore wing length 18mm, left–17mm; right fore and hind wings and left hind wing as in normal *rhodopensis*; left fore wing upper side without apical ocelli, under side only the first apical ocellus present, small ocellus in space 2 absent.



Figures 1, 2. *Erebia rhodopensis* Nicholl, 1900 **ab. nov.**: (1) upperside; (2) underside.

Labels: (1) printed (on white paper) “BULGARIA | Rila Mts | Markudzhika 2400 m | 23.VII.1999 | S. Abadjiev leg. | [line] | S. Abadjiev coll. 1505”; (2) printed (on red paper), double framed “HOLOTYPE ♂ | *Erebia rhodopensis* | Nicholl, 1900 | *ab. nova* | [line] | S. Abadjiev det. 2000”.

Material: 1 ♂, in S. Abadjiev collection, Sofia.

The Pine Hawk-moth *Hyloicus pinastri* (L.) in Britain

I am currently researching the history of *H. pinastri* in this country and am, therefore, requesting any unpublished records from previously sterile 10-kilometre squares, especially those situated to the west of a line drawn from the Severn to the Wash.

All due acknowledgement will of course be given.— COLIN R. PRATT, 5 View Road, Peacehaven East Sussex BN10 8DE. (E-mail: colin.pratt@talk21.com)